Tufts Student American Veterinary Medicine Association Minutes
March 24, 2020

Members in Attendance (virtually): Emily Kometer-Cox, Alena Naimark, Ashley Sanchez, Lindsay Smith, Katherine King, Rachel Park, Aubrey Specht, Callan Tweedie

Faculty Members in Attendance: Dr. Lois Wetmore

*This meeting was completed virtually: campus currently closed to students due to COVID-19 pandemic*

Emily
- Scrub order for V24s, 23s, 22s - perhaps we table it til next year with everything going on.
- Need to determine dues before April 10th. **Keep at $45.**
  - Considerations: raise in the future because events are becoming more expensive
- Travel Grants
  - What to do given that people have lost funding for travel that was supposed to occur through the school
    - Options:
      - Give money back, find a way to use later?
      - Require people to verify that money was not returned
      - Pay back up to $___ for those students that have payments that are non-refundable
- SAVMA Symposium updates:
  - Wellness ideas: SAVMA snack cart, massages
    - Get in touch with Purina, other reps to co-sponsor events/snack cart
    - Other thoughts: Coffee Committee being overtaken by Wellness Committee
  - Ideas for keeping students connected virtually
    - Netflix party!
    - Watching lectures together somehow?
    - Combining with other schools and sharing lectures across campuses
    - Accountability buddies
    - Discord or Slack to keep class together/plan virtual events, ask questions about classes, etc
    - Calendar for virtual events--club leaders can still submit events for webinars if they would like, will make note that they are virtual
      - **To Do:** Send e-mail to clubs to remind them to send virtual events to SAVMA email (Emily)
- Club Funding
- **To Do:** Send Funding E-mails! (Ashley)

Alena

- HOD meeting and updated
  - International externship opportunities
    - Contact Cummings Host International for further info
  - Me as the new diversity council savma rep
  - State licensing board talk?
    - Good idea for learning process of licensing in general even if not getting license in MA
      - Have info regarding various states
    - **To Do:** Plan Licensing Talk (Alena)--coordinate with Professional Development Committee if needed
  - Purdue diversity certification grant
    - Online certification--can be paid for if apply through SAVMA
    - Application closes May 15th
  - Virtual Commencement Outline discussed given the possibility of this occurring--guidelines posted by SAVMA

Ashley

- Travel Grants & Cancelled symposium: Shuffling $$ around for the next year
  - Options:
    - Fall/Spring Travel Grants (thought is that it is possible that more people will apply for travel grants next spring)
    - Put some away as safe fund
    - Put towards refunding people that lost $$ (from travel grants, etc)
    - Put away $2000 for emergency fund
      - **To Do:** Budget out 2k to Spring, 1k to fall, keep 2k in a squirrel fund
  - Symposium Hotels: Were we able to get any $ back… (We lost 6k :( )
    - Not yet, Alena going to look into this further
      - **To Do:** call hotel (Alena)
  - One Health Night for SOH: Is that still happening/did happen re: us donating funds?
    - Give you guys $500 for next year’s One Health Night if cancelled?
      - Keep budgeting at ~$250 due to One Health Club combining with VGS

Kat

- Ideas from presidents/president-elect meeting:
  - Satisfaction survey
    - Questions about SAVMA relationship with students
    - Helpful feedback
- **To Do:** Find old document with survey questions (Kat/Emily)
- **To Do:** Collaboration events between TVCD and SAVMA
  - Ideas:
    - Pronouns on badges in clinics
    - Mostly going to be ideas for right now, events not currently possible due to COVID-19 restrictions
  - **To Do:** Brainstorm ideas! (Kat and Alena)

Travel Grants Due: April 10th (**To Do:** Emily to send e-mail reminding date and remind students to apply for refund if traveled before March 6th 2020)
Refunding travel up until March 6th, will consider case-by-case after that date

**Next Meeting: TBD**